



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *North Country Council, Northern New Hampshire*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

North Country Council, Inc. was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The North Country region, with a population of 85,000, is a federal economic development district. During the second half of the Twentieth Century, the region experienced a significant loss in the forest products, furniture, metal-work, and textiles industries, leaving behind potentially contaminated, abandoned and underused buildings. Many manufacturing jobs have been lost as a result of plant closings, most notably in the depressed paper and pulp mill industries. Many of the communities in the region have only one or two employers, so any closings



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected North Country Council, Inc. (NCC) for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to identify and characterize known or potential petroleum-contaminated brownfields and to conduct up to 15 Phase I environmental assessments and a number of Phase II assessments on a subset of those sites. Priority will go to municipally owned sites from the 51 towns and villages in the region.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

force more people to commute. The region's poverty rate is 10.5 percent, compared to 6.9 percent for the state. The council anticipates redeveloping its brownfields properties for commercial, industrial, and greenspace use.